

1 CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
2 of
3 SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH.
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5 We, the undersigned, being respectively the President and the
6 Secretary of SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, a California corpora-
7 tion, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

8 (1) That all the Members of said Corporation are also Directors of
9 said Corporation; that on the 17th day of January, 1956, upon the
10 written consent of all Members and all Directors of said Corporation,
11 a Special Meeting of Members and a Special Meeting of Directors of
12 said Corporation were held at the headquarters of said Corporation
13 in Los Angeles, California; that said Special Meetings were called
14 for the purpose of amending the Articles of Incorporation of said Cor-
15 poration, and for transacting other business of said Corporation.

16 (2) That at said Meetings a Resolution providing for the Amendment
17 of the Articles of Incorporation (a copy of which Resolution is set
18 forth hereinafter) was proposed at each of said Meetings, in identi-
19 cally the same words and figures at each meeting; and at each of said
20 Meetings said Resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of the
21 majority of the Members and Directors, respectively; that the total
22 number of Members entitled to vote on adoption of said Amendment was
23 nine persons; that the number of Members voting in favor of the adoption
24 of said Resolution was nine; that no votes were cast against the
25 adoption of said Resolution at either of said Meetings.

26 (3) That the following is a true copy of the Resolution so adopted by
27 vote of the Directors and of the Resolution so adopted by vote of the
28 Members.

29 "RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation of SELF-REALIZATION
30 FELLOWSHIP CHURCH be, and they hereby are, amended to read as
31 follows:
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FILED

In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

FEB 23 1956

FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State

By *Ralph B. Martz*
X Deputy

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

As Amended by Resolutions of the Board of Directors and the
Members of January 17, 1956.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the undersigned, the majority of whom are
citizens and residents of the State of California, have voluntarily
associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a
non-profit, religious corporation under the laws of the State of
California; AND WE HEREBY CERTIFY:

ARTICLE ONE: That the name of this corporation shall be
SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH.

ARTICLE TWO: This corporation is organized pursuant to the
General Non-profit Corporation of the State of California,
pursuant to Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 1 of the Corporations
Code of the State of California.

ARTICLE THREE: That the existence of this corporation shall
be perpetual.

ARTICLE FOUR: That the principal purposes for which this
corporation is formed are as follows:

A. The specific and primary purpose of this corporation is:

(1) To teach, preach, and promulgate a religion known
as that of SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP, the practical aims of
which include (a) the contacting of God, the Heavenly Father,
Divine Consciousness, through prayer and meditation as taught down
the ages by great masters and prophets; and (b) physical, mental,
and spiritual healing through prayer, through exercises of
visualization of life-energy forces, and through other mental and
spiritual techniques.

1 (2) To train and instruct (at less than the collegiate
2 grade), and to ordain, Ministers of Self-Realization Fellowship
3 Church; to train and instruct (at less than the collegiate grade),
4 and to confirm, Sisters and Brothers of a subsidiary monastic
5 Self-Realization Order; to train and instruct (at less than the
6 collegiate grade), and to appoint, branch-center leaders; to make
7 and enforce regulations concerning the religious doctrines, rites,
8 and ceremonies that may be taught and practiced by such Ministers,
9 Sisters, Brothers, and branch-center leaders; and to make and
10 enforce regulations for the discipline, suspension, and expulsion
11 of such Ministers, Sisters, Brothers, and branch-center leaders.
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13 (3) To provide for public worship; to authorize the
14 establishment of churches, centers, meditation groups, hermitages,
15 monasteries, colonies, congregations, and religious retreats, in
16 all convenient places, both within the State of California and
17 elsewhere; and to make and enforce regulations for their guidance
18 and government.
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20 (4) To conduct charitable activities of all kinds.

21 B. The following acts are authorized as clearly incidental
22 to the primary religious and charitable purposes set forth in
23 Article Four, A, (1), (2), (3), (4):

24 To acquire, lease, own, possess, and operate printing shops
25 and equipment, radio and television broadcasting equipment, cameras
26 and motion picture equipment; and to print, produce, acquire, sell,
27 and distribute books, pamphlets, and other literature, and
28 phonograph records and tape recordings; to make, acquire, exhibit,
29 sell, and distribute drawings, photographs, emblems, and other SRF
30 articles, and motion pictures; and to prepare and broadcast radio
31 and television programs, for the promulgation of the views and
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1 doctrines of the aforesaid religion.

2 C. The following acts are authorized as clearly incidental
3 to the primary religious and charitable purposes set forth in
4 Article Four, A, (1), (2), (3), (4):

5 To make contracts and to do all other acts necessary or
6 expedient for the administration of the affairs and for the
7 attainment of the purposes of the corporation.
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9 D. The following acts are authorized as clearly incidental
10 to the primary religious and charitable purposes set forth in
11 Article Four, A, (1), (2), (3), (4):

12 To acquire, by all lawful means, both real and personal
13 property of every kind and nature, and wheresoever situated, or
14 any right, title, or interest in such property; and to possess,
15 occupy, use, manage, maintain, improve, and develop such property;
16 and to lend, lease, sell, barter, or exchange, give away, or
17 otherwise dispose of, any or all of such property; and to pledge,
18 mortgage, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber any or all thereof
19 as security for any of the corporation's obligations.
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21 E. The following acts are authorized as clearly incidental
22 to the primary religious and charitable purposes set forth in
23 Article Four, A, (1), (2), (3), (4):

24 To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the purpose
25 of this corporation; and to receive, hold, administer, and expend
26 funds and property subject to such trusts.
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28 F. The following acts are authorized as clearly incidental
29 to the primary religious and charitable purposes set forth in
30 Article Four, A, (1), (2), (3), (4):

31 To borrow and to lend money; and to make and issue notes,
32 bonds and debentures and evidences of indebtedness; and to furnish
security for the performance of its obligations.

1 ARTICLE FIVE: That the county in the State of California where
2 the principal office for the transaction of the business of this
3 corporation, and for the direction of all spiritual affairs of
4 this corporation, is to be located in Los Angeles County.

5 ARTICLE SIX: That the number and the qualifications of the
6 persons who may be admitted to membership in this corporation; the
7 different classes of membership, if any; the property, voting, and
8 other rights and privileges of each or all classes of membership;
9 the liability of each or all classes of members to payment of dues
10 or assessments, and the methods of collection thereof; and the
11 regulations for the government of the relations among members of
12 this corporation, shall be determined, and may from time to time
13 be changed, by the Board of Directors, and shall be set forth in
14 the By-Laws of this corporation.

15 ARTICLE SEVEN: This corporation is formed solely and exclusively
16 for religious and charitable purposes, and not for pecuniary gain
17 or profit. The property of said corporation shall not be used or
18 operated by the corporation or by any other person so as to benefit
19 any officer, trustee, director, member, employee, contributor, or
20 bondholder of the corporation, or any other person, through the
21 distribution of profits, payment of excessive charges or
22 compensations or the more advantageous pursuit of their business
23 or profession. The property of this corporation shall not be used
24 by the corporation or the members thereof for fraternal or lodge
25 purposes, or for social-club purposes except where such use is
26 clearly incidental to a primary religious or charitable purpose.

27 The property and earnings of this corporation shall be used
28 exclusively for charitable and religious purposes, and more
29 particularly for the purposes set forth in Article Four, A, (1),
30 (2), (3), (4) of these Articles; and shall not inure to the benefit
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1 of any director, member, or individual. No member or director of
2 this corporation shall have any personal, proprietary, or
3 beneficial interest in the property of this corporation, either
4 during its corporate existence or upon its dissolution; it being
5 hereby expressly provided that all property acquired by the
6 corporation, real or personal, and all increments, interest, or
7 earnings thereof are and shall be irrevocably dedicated to
8 religious and charitable purposes.
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10 In the event of the liquidation, dissolution, or abandonment
11 of this corporation, the assets thereof shall not inure to the
12 benefit of any private person, except a fund, foundation, or
13 corporation organized and operated for religious and charitable
14 purposes, and whose purposes are similar to those of
15 Self-Realization Fellowship Church as stated in Article Four, A,
16 (1), (2), (3), (4); which such fund, foundation, or corporation
17 shall be selected by a majority vote of the individuals who are
18 members of the last board of directors of said corporation.
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20 ARTICLE EIGHT: That the names and addresses of the persons who
21 are to act as the Directors of this corporation until the
22 selection of their successors, are as follows:

23	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
24	Swami Yogananda	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
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26	C. Richard Wright	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
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28	Florina Darling	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
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30	Karla Schramm	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
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32	Edith D. Bissett	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California

ARTICLE NINE: That the By-Laws of this corporation shall be
adopted by the Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation,

1 and may thereafter be amended or repealed by any means provided for
2 in the By-Laws.

3 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the persons who are to act in the
4 capacity of first Directors of the corporation have hereunto set
5 their hands this 25th day of March, 1935.

6 NAMES:

ADDRESSES:

7 Swami Yogananda	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
8 C. Richard Wright	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
9 Florina Darling	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
10 Karla Schramm	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California
11 Edith D. Bissett	3880 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles, California

12 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
13) SS:
14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
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16 On this 25th day of March, 1935, before me, Chas. D. Munro,
17 a Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, residing
18 therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared
19 SWAMI YOGANANDA, C. RICHARD WRIGHT, FLORINA DARLING,
20 KARLA SCHRAMM, and EDITH D. BISSETT, known to me to be the
21 persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument,
22 and they duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.
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24 Witness my hand and official seal the day and year in this
25 certificate first written above.

26 /s/ Chas. D. Munro

27 Notary Public in and for the County
28 of Los Angeles, State of California

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1 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and
2 affixed the Seal of the corporation this 17th day of January,
3 1956.

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5 S E A L

Faye Wright
President

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7 Florina Darling
Secretary

8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
9) SS:
10 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

11 FAYE WRIGHT and FLORINA DARLING, first being duly sworn,
12 depose and say, each for herself: That they are one of the
13 persons whose signatures are subscribed to the foregoing
14 CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
15 SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: that they have read said
16 Certificate, and know the contents thereof; that the same is
17 true, and contains a true copy of the Resolutions therein referred
18 to.

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20 Faye Wright

21 Florina Darling
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23 Subscribed and sworn to before me,
24 this 18th day of January, 1956.

25 Margaret Lancaster
26 Notary Public in and for said
27 County and State

28 My Commission Expires May 25, 1959

